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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 23, 2002 office action,
please amend the above-identified patent application as
follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 and cancel claims 5, 13
and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of decreasing viral replication in
cells, the method comprising decreasing levels of functional
cellular protease in the cells by exposing the cells to an
inhibitor of the functional cellular protease, wherein the
viral replication is caused by a DNA virus.

9. (Amended) A method of treating a viral infection in a
subject, the method comprising administering to the subject an
amount of a compound effective to decrease levels of
functional cellular protease in cells of the subject wherein
the viral infection is caused by a DNA virus and the compound
is an inhibitor of the functional cellular protease.